

John Sparrow – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

John Sparrow was born in Eastham in 1656. He was the eldest son of Jonathan Sparrow (1634-1707) and the grandson of Richard Sparrow who came to Eastham about 1650 where he died in 1660. John Sparrow married Apphia Tracy in 1683. They had several children. John was active in town affairs such as serving as juror and as agent for the town in the sale of land. He died in 1735 at age seventy-eight. He is buried in the Old Cemetery in Orleans where he has one of the oldest original gravestones in the cemetery. John Sparrow is an example of the third generation in an Eastham family to receive significant Eastham land grants.

1681

Granted to John Sparrow land adjoining his other land at Pochet on Sparrow's Neck to build a house. PDF P44.

1684

Granted to John Sparrow one and one-half acres adjoining his other land where he lived on Sparrow's Neck. The land was near a little creek and near the water. PDF A169, M66.

1695

Granted to John Sparrow the liberty to fence his land at the eastern end of Sparrow's Neck into the water. PDF P72, M69.

1696

Granted to John Sparrow the liberty to fence his land at the eastern end of Sparrow's Neck into the water at the northeast and southwest corners. PDF A171, M69.

1703

Granted to John Sparrow a parcel of meadow on the westerly side of Pochet Island. Size of the grant was not recorded. PDF A171, M69.

Granted to John Sparrow a parcel of meadow on Pochet Flats or Low Meadow. Bounds were indicated by stakes. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about five acres. PDF A243, M242, S61.

Granted to John Sparrow and James Rogers a parcel of meadow at Pochet High Meadow by the beach. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about four acres. PDF M157, M158, S89.

1704

Granted to John Sparrow a parcel of meadow on the backside of Pochet Island and near land of Israel Cole. The size of the grant was not recorded. PDF P111.

1706

Granted to John Sparrow land on the west side of his dwelling house. The dimensions indicate the lot was about one acre. Also granted to John Sparrow was land on the southerly side of his house. The dimensions indicate the lot was about three-quarters of an acre. PDF A286, A287, M47.

1711

Granted to John Sparrow about four acres of upland near the Cedar Swamp. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T22.

Granted to John Sparrow about two acres at Sparrow's Neck on the northerly side of his other land. Also granted to John Sparrow about two acres between his land and land of Richard Sparrow at Sparrow's Neck. Bounds of both grants were indicated by stones in the ground. PDF T22.

Granted to John Sparrow a six acre wood lot at Billingsgate at William Cole's Neck and on the northerly side of William Cole's wood lot. PDF T153.

1712

Granted to John Sparrow about one-half acre at Sparrow's Neck next to his other land and next to land of James Rogers. PDF T153.

1713

John Sparrow complained that his low meadow lot which appears to have been between Pochet Island and the beach was being destroyed by sand. Because of this problem he was granted a parcel of land on Pochet Island flat next to land of Samuel Mayo and Joshua Higgins. The dimensions indicate the grant was about six acres. In return John Sparrow forever quit his claim to the land covered with sand. PDF T153.

1715

Granted to John Sparrow land on the westerly side of his house lot and next to land of Edward Bangs at Sparrow's Neck. The land was on the northwest side of the cartway that came up from Short Cove. The dimensions indicate the grant was about seven acres. PDF T208.

Granted to John Sparrow a wood lot on the westerly side of the way that went from Stumpy Meadow to the Herring Brook and next to the wood lot of John Rich. The dimensions indicate the wood lot was about twenty-nine acres. PDF T296.

1721

Granted to John Sparrow land near his house at Sparrow's Neck and near the water side. The dimensions are confusing but they suggest a lot of about four acres. PDF T326.

1722

John Sparrow along with Nicholas Snow and Edward Knowles acted as agents for the proprietors in the sale of land an Lieutenant Island to Josiah Harding and Samuel Brown. PDF T325.

The land owned by John Sparrow described in these records amounts to about eighty acres. By 1745 not counting his father and grandfather nine more Sparrows received Eastham land grants.